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Revival of Closed Mines
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operable operating and closed mines in the country and the number of workers rendered jobless due to closure of mines, State/Mineral-wise;
(b) the number of lease applications received by the various mineral rich States and the number of lease granted during each of the last three years and the current year, State/company-wise;
(c) whether the Government has revived any closed mines during the last three years and proposes to revive certain other closed mines in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard so far?

Answer

(a): Region-wise, State-wise and Mineral-wise details of mines categorized as working and non-working mines is given at Annexure-I. Details of number of workers rendered jobless due to closure of mines are not centrally maintained.

(b): Under the provisions of the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Rules made there under respective State Governments are the Competent Authority for grant of mineral concessions. As per information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines (a sub-ordinate office of Ministry of Mines), the regional-wise details of number of mining leases granted during the last three years and current year is given at Annexure-II.
(c) and (d): Mines are closed as per the approved Progressive Mine Closure Plan and Final Mine Closure Plan which is regulated by the State Government and Indian Bureau of Mines (a sub-ordinate office of the Ministry of Mines).
Mines can also be suspended or closed by the order of the State Governments, Indian Bureau of Mines and Courts for violation of the provisions of the Mines and Mineral (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and rules made there under, requirements of various statutory clearances etc. However, details of such closed mines and if they have been reopened subsequently are not maintained centrally.
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